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SUBJECT: EXPANDED INDOCHINESE REFUGEE PROGRAM: PAROLE CONSULTATIONS

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I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE EFFORT BEING MADE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL PAROLE AUTHORITY FOR INDOCHINA REFUGEE REMAINING IN THAILAND AND HOPE THE CONSULTATIONS NOW UNDERWAY WILL BE SUCCESSFUL. I BELIEVE WE CONTINUE TO HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO MANY OF THESE REFUGEES. OTHER RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES ARE NOT SUFFICIENT DESPITE THE FACT THAT THIRD COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY TAKEN ALMOST 6,000 REFUGEES FROM THAILAND AND WILL PROBABLY TAKE AN ADDITIONAL 4,000 BETWEEN NOW AND JUNE. (WE HAVE TAKEN ABOUT 7,500 UNDER EARLIER PAROLE AUTHORITY.) BEYOND HUMANITARIAN
CONSIDERATIONS, ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL REFUGEES ENHANCES OUR IMAGE IN SEA AS A RESPONSIBLE POWER DESPITE RECENT EVENTS IN INDOCHINA. FINALLY, U.S. ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL REFUGEES TO WHOM WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION WILL GIVE THE RTG A BETTER PROSPECT OF COPING WITH THE LARGE NUMBER OF REFUGEES (ROUGHLY 75,000) WHO WILL REMAIN IN THAILAND. AS YOU KNOW, I FEEL IT IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO GAIN THIS NEW PAROLE AUTHORITY AND IF MY VIEWS CAN BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE OBTAINING APPROVAL FROM THE CONGRESS,
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